



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Training Compliance

SEMA has been receiving an increasing number of requests for information regarding the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and training compliance issues. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security established NIMS compliance requirements for federal fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Those requirements include, but are not limited to, incorporating NIMS into existing training and exercises, completing the NIMS Awareness Course (IS-700), and institutionalizing the use of the Incident Command System (ICS).

States and local entities are encouraged to achieve full NIMS implementation during FY 2005. To the extent that full implementation is not possible during FY 2005, Federal preparedness assistance must be leveraged to complete NIMS implementation by FY 2006. By FY 2007, Federal preparedness assistance will be conditioned by full compliance with the NIMS.

The SEMA training section has published a list of recommended courses for elected officials and emergency responders. Additionally, FEMA/DHS has also developed a similar list. These courses are provided at no cost to the student and in some cases they are also offered on-line at <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>. While both lists are "recommended", it is important to remember that as the availability of federal preparedness funds is reduced, grant managers at the federal level will ultimately have to decide which grant applications are approved and which applications are turned down. It would be reasonable to assume that NIMS and ICS training for elected officials and emergency responders would be one of the items that would be reviewed as part of the grant approval process.

The SEMA training section is working to provide as many of these course as possible over the next few years, but ultimately each local entity will determine the success of their program. There is plenty of time to complete these courses prior to FY 2007, if we take a pro-active approach to the issue.

NIMS Training Recommendations for Volunteer Organizations

The volunteer agencies are a critical component of the State of Missouri emergency response and recovery effort during a time of disaster. With this in mind it is important that the personnel comprising these organizations receive sufficient training that would allow them to operate efficiently and integrate fully into the state and local response system.

As the public sector response community embraces the National Incident Management System (NIMS) so too must the volunteer community that supports the disaster effort. It is with this in mind that the State Emergency Management Agency recommends that the following training matrix be followed by the volunteer agencies and organizations. These are minimum training guidelines and volunteers are encouraged to exceed them as needed.

All Volunteer Responders should take the:

- IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System

- IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction

Volunteer Response Supervisors & Managers should take the:

- IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction

These courses are available on-line at the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Emergency Management Institute website <http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>. These courses are also available for classroom delivery through the same vendors contracted to provide the courses for the traditional emergency responder organizations. The contact information for these vendors may be found at <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSProviders.doc>.

Questions relating to this document may be directed to Mr. Dante Gliniecki at (573) 526-9132 or dante.gliniecki@sema.dps.mo.gov.

SEMA NIMS/ICS and Terrorism Awareness Training

SEMA is providing several organizations training grants to provide NIMS/ICS and Terrorism Awareness training to the local jurisdictions as requested. With the exception of the Government Training Institute (GTI) at the Kansas City MARC who will provide limited training outside the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, these providers are expected to travel to the jurisdictions and provide the training throughout the state. The list of the providers and their points of contact is included below. Any interested jurisdictions/organizations should contact the provider of their choice to schedule a course. I am sure that these providers want to schedule as many of the courses listed below as soon as possible:

- IS700-NIMS, An Introduction
- IS800-National Response Plan (NRP), An Introduction
- I100-Introduction to the Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I200-Basic Incident Command System (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I300-Incident Command System, Intermediate (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- I400-Incident Command System, Advanced (or NFA, NWFCG equivalent)
- AWR160-WMD Standardized Awareness Course

This program is financed through the ODP 2004 grant process. If all goes well, we anticipate the availability of 2005 funding to continue the program beyond November 30th. This is the beginning of our effort to meet the NIMS compliance requirement prior to October 1, 2006. Missouri recommends going to the NIMS training guidelines link: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/NIMSCompliance.doc>.

The I300 and I400 courses are in revision and are not ODP approved yet. As soon as they are approved they will be made available through the providers.

Training provider contact information:

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MU Fire & Rescue Training Institute (MUFRTI) Gary Wilson, MUFRTI, 240 Heinkel Bldg., Columbia, MO 65211, (800) 869-3476, (573) 882-4735, WilsonGL@missouri.edu

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FY 04Homeland Security Grants Approach End of Grant Period

Jurisdictions receiving 04 Homeland Security funds, competitive and otherwise, are reminded that the grant period ends November 30, 2005. **Spending must be substantially finished by September 1, 2005 in order to allow for invoicing to be completed.**

A review of spending progress will be conducted. Jurisdictions risk having the award withdrawn if funds are not spent. Those communities, which completed spending and reimbursement, must submit a Final Report.

Nichols Named SEMA Deputy Director

Duane R. Nichols is the new State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Deputy Director effective August 1. He comes to state government with a varied and impressive federal law enforcement background. In 1999, Nichols retired after a 30-year career in firearms, explosives and arson enforcement with the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (ATF) offices, Kansas City. Prior to joining SEMA, Nichols was the State Program Coordinator for the Office of National Drug Control Policy's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program (HIDTA), Jefferson City.

Nichols is a graduate of Eldon High School, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Government and History from Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg.

September is National Preparedness Month in Missouri

Four major press events will highlight Missouri's National Preparedness Month Activities in September. On September 21, Missouri Governor Matt Blunt will speak at a National Preparedness Month Rally on the Capitol's south lawn, which will feature numerous emergency response exhibits. Department of Public Safety Director Mark James will participate in a press conference hosted by the MARC in Kansas City. Missouri Homeland Security Director Michael Chapman and Department of Health and Senior Services Director Julie Eckstein will participate in a hospital communications exercise press conference with STARRS in St. Louis. Eckstein has been asked to speak at a press conference in Springfield.

Area Coordinator Meetings...

Area A:	September 22, 2005	10 a.m.	911 Center, Carrollton
Area G:	September 7, 2005	11:30 a.m.	Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs
Area H:	September 1, 2005	1:30 p.m.	Red Cross Building, St. Joseph

Drought Update: 30 counties Upgraded to Conservation Phase, 105 Counties Impacted with Agricultural Drought

The Missouri Drought Assessment Committee issued a new Drought Status Map following a July 29, 200 meeting. Here is the link to the Drought information: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/geology/droughtupdate.htm>

Phase 2: Drought Alert is declared when area rainfall is below normal for several months, plants begin to show stress, stream levels drop and pond levels begin to fall noticeably. Phase 3: Drought Conservation is issued when stream flows, reservoir levels and groundwater levels continue to decline and forecasts indicate an extended period of below normal precipitation. (Source: Missouri Drought Plan pages 7-18).

The 40 counties in Phase 1 Advisory Drought are: Barry, Bates, Bollinger, Butler, Caldwell, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cass, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Douglas, Dunklin, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Iron, Lafayette, Madison, McDonald, Mercer, Mississippi, New Madrid, Newton, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Putnam, Ray, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Vernon and Wayne.

The 35 counties in Phase 2 Alert Drought are: Adair, Barton, Carroll, Cedar, Chariton, Christian, Crawford, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Henry, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Oregon, Phelps, Pulaski, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Shannon, St Charles, St Clair, St Louis, Texas, Warren, Washington, Webster and Wright.

The 30 counties in Phase 3 Conservation Phase are: Audrain, Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Clark, Cole, Cooper, Dade, Dallas, Hickory, Howard, Knox, Laclede, Lewis, Lincoln, Maries, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, Pettis, Pike, Polk, Ralls, Randolph and Shelby.

The 9 counties with No Drought designation are: Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Clay, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte and Worth.

Enroll In One of These Free SEMA Classes

August 16-17	ICS for Law Enforcement	Grand River Inn in Chillicothe
August 16-18	Mass Fatalities Incident Response	St. Louis County EMA
August 16-18	CERT T-t-T	Rolla at Eugene E. Northern Hall
August 23-25	Exercise Design and Evaluation	Chillicothe
August 29-31	EOC Management and Operations	Drury Inn Stadium KC
August 29-30	Medical Considerations	Kansas City
September 6-8	Effective Communication	Best Western, Jefferson City
September 7-9	Debris Management	Drury Inn, Joplin
September 7-9	CERT T-t-T	Best Western, Jefferson City
Sept. 13-15	Emergency Planning for Special Populations	Drury Inn, Kansas City
Sept. 21-22	Community Mass Care	St. Louis CEMA

DOT Launches New Website to Assist Persons with Disabilities For Emergency Preparedness

The U.S. Department of Transportation launched a new web site containing information to help ensure safe and secure transportation for persons with disabilities in the event of a disaster or emergency. The website is <http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/asp/emergencyprep.asp>.

The website includes advice on emergency preparedness, transportation accessibility, and evacuation methods for certain modes of transportation, such as rail and transit systems. Disabled individuals can learn how to react in situations ranging from evacuations of mass transit systems to being trapped in a car during a blizzard or hurricane.

The site also includes links to Department of Homeland Security web pages that provide information on preparing for specific emergencies, including natural disasters such as severe weather, fire and earthquakes, as well as man-made disasters such as spills of hazardous materials. In addition, the site also provides information for transportation providers on how to respond to the unique needs of people with disabilities during an emergency.

ICE “In Case of Emergency” Cell Phone Campaign Launched

Emergency management officials across the U.S. are urging people to store the word ICE in their mobile phone address books, then enter the number of the person to contact in case of emergency. “In an emergency situation, ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them,” said Governor Matt Blunt in a recent press release. “Cell phone users may add more than one contact name i.e. ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, and so on.”

The campaign - which was launched in May in Britain - has taken off in the wake of the London bombings earlier this month. Most people don’t carry emergency contact cards - but many of them carry cell phones. The ICE acronym allows emergency officials to quickly access the right names from a cell phone's address book. It can save valuable time, since many people identify family members only by name in their cell, making them indistinguishable from other entries.

ICE has caught on so quickly it already sports its own hoax counter-campaign. A hoax e-mail is traveling around the Internet informing people that the ICE prefix would let hackers into a cell phone. No such danger exists, said emergency management officials and cell phone companies across the board.

READERS: Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov